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SUBJECT: BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND DEBT PROSPECTS

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- 1. LISTED BELOW ARE BOP AND DEBT FIGURES REQUESTED REFTEL. DATA PROVIDED FOR 1974 AND MOST OF DATA FOR 1975 ARE BASED ON OFFICIAL TANGOV SOURCES. DATA FOR 1976 AND 1977 ARE SPECULATIVE AND REPRESENT EMBASSY'S ROUGH ESTIMATES BASED ON WORLD BANK/IMF SOURCES, AND EMBASSY PROJECTIONS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND PRICES AND INDUSTRIAL-RELTATED IMPORT REQUIREMENTS. (SEE DAR A-45 FOR GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF OUR ASSUMPTIONS, WHICH INCLUDE RECOVERY OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR, HIGH PRICES FOR COFFEE, CONTINUED IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION PLANS, AND SIGNIFICANT DEPENDENCE ON CONCESSIONAL FOREIGN AID FOR SOME TIME.)
- 2. TANGOV PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE ABOUT CAPITAL ACCOUNT BALANCE AND TENDS SCATTER AND HIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION. FOR EXAMPLE, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS FOR 1975 ARE SHOWN AS \$50 MILLION, EQUIVALENT TO MORE THAN HALF OF OFFICIAL LONG TERM LOANS.
- 3. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (IN MILLIONS OF US DOLLARS)

1974 1975 1976 1977

 A. MERCHANDISE EXPORTS (FOB)
 400
 387
 428
 480

 B. MERCHANDISE IMPORTS (CIF)
 753
 797
 666
 744

C. SERVICE IMPORTS 77 61 60 60

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D. SERVICE EXPORTS 103 119 125 132

4. EXTERNAL DEBT

A. DISBURSED 565 790 900 1,020 B. UNDISBURSED NA NA NA NA C. DEBT SERVICE (IN PERCENTS) 5.5 7.1 9.0 9.0

5. NOTES ON ABOVE:

A. EXCHANGE RATE USED FOR ALL FIGURES FOR 1974 AND 1975 IS TSHILLINGS 7.14 EQUALS \$1. EXCHANGE RATE USED FOR ALL FIGURES FOR 1976 AND 1977 IS TSHILLINGS 8.4 EQUALS \$1.

B. AN 8 PERCENT INCREASE IN PRICE OF OIL WOULD MEAN \$6 MILLION. THIS AMOUNT HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN 1977 IMPORT FIGURE ABOVE.

C. PRIVATE EXTERNAL DEBT IS NEGLIGIBLE. MOST EXTERNAL DEBT IS LONG TERM. BOTH EXTERNAL DEBT AND DEBT SERVICE RATION ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE OVER NEXT FOUR YEARS. SPAIN

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